

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-8 (Cancelled)

9 (Previously Presented). A molecule which comprises the antigen-binding portion of an antibody specific for the protein or variant of claim 13.

10-12 (Cancelled)

13 (Currently Amended). An isolated polypeptide, which comprises ~~+(a)~~a protein encoded by a strand of a full length cDNA having the sequence of

(i) a naturally occurring polynucleotide comprising ~~the sequence of~~ SEQ ID NO: 3,

(ii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide having at least ~~85%~~95% identity with a naturally occurring polynucleotide of (i) and, in naturally occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress, wherein the protein encoded by the cDNA having the sequence of (ii) induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells; or

(iii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under highly stringent conditions to a

naturally-occurring polynucleotide of (i) ~~or (ii)~~ and, in naturally-occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress, wherein the protein encoded by the full length cDNA having the sequence of (iii) induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells;

~~_____ (b) a variant of (a) which has an amino acid sequence having at least 90% identity to said protein of (a) and induces cell apoptosis when overexpressed in human epithelial breast carcinoma MCF-7 cells; or~~

~~_____ (c) a functional derivative or salt of (a) or (b).~~

14 (Cancelled)

15 (Currently Amended). An isolated polypeptide of claim 13, wherein the protein of ~~(a)~~-(i) has the sequence of SEQ ID NO:4.

16 (Currently Amended). An isolated polypeptide ~~of~~ comprising SEQ ID NO:4.

17 (Previously Presented). A molecule which comprises the antigen-binding portion of an antibody specific for the polypeptide of claim 16.

18-22 (Cancelled)